



266 Savage Hill Road

1750

Elisha Savage (1728-1807), a sawmill owner & Lt in American Revolution, & Thankful Johnson (1735-1806/07)

colonial

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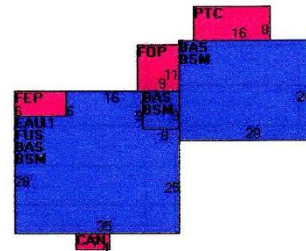
1780 Elisha Savage current owner: Marilyn Hewitt

Elisha Savage was the great grandson of John Savage who came to Middletown in 1670. Elisha was a farmer who came to Berlin in the mid-18th century. He died in 1807 at age 79.

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Sketch

1750 current owner: George & Margaret Bushnell



Genealogy

BPLH Card Notes record his birth date as 05 JULY 1735. On p. 641 of "Middletown Upper Houses" his birthdate is given as 09 DEC 1728. He was the 2nd son of William and Sarah Savage of Upper Houses. Elisha and wife, Sarah, moved to Savage Hill.

Elisha was an Ensign in 15th Company on train band, 67th Regiment and Colonial Militia. He was a Revolutionary War veteran: served during 1777. Elisha became a member of Berlin Congregational Church on 07 JUN 1795. Probably built and lived at 266 Savage Hill Rd, East Berlin; property part of original grant to John Savage east of dwelling house of Roswell Woodruff during 1770. Woodruff leased for 70 years, water privilege to dam to Mr. Savage for his sawmill and mill house. Mill was at Bowers Corner, East Berlin, corner of Mill Street and Main Street, East Berlin. Elisha died at age 79 years. BPLH Card Notes record that he had 11 children, several of which served in Revolutionary War. Adams, Charles Collard. Middletown Upper Houses - p.641 Berlin Congregational Church Records - p.35 Brandegee - p.32, 40 North, Catherine. History of Berlin - p.282, 283 Savage, Albert Wilcox, Jr. The New England Ancestry of Albert Wilcox Savage, Jr.; Vol I - p.64 Hale Cemetery Records - p.87

Elisha Savage (1728-1807) son of William Savage & Sarah. He was a sawmill owner. In 1755 he married Thankful Johnson (1735-1806/07) daughter of Capt. Thomas Johnson & Susannah White. They had children: Elisha, Rachel, Luman, Abigail, Ruth, Asahel, Seth, Selah, Sarah, Susanna, Mercy. They were members of the Berlin Congregational Church. Elisha was a Lt in the Revolutionary War in General Wolcott's Regiment.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
 HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common) (Historic) Elisha Savage House	
2. TOWN CITY Berlin	VILLAGE Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 266 Savage Hill Road 17-3/142/28H	
4. OWNER(S) Hewitt, Marilyn K. " " Berlin 06037 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present) (Historic) Residence Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Vernacular DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1780	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____	
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry <input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ (Material) <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street	
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 37' x 28'	
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location) (Alterations)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN Entry, chimney, additions	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density	
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	
In an area with a scattering of 18th-century houses among newer dwellings.	

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DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)						
	<p>The Elisha Savage House has five bays on the first floor of the facade and three on the second. The central sidelit entry is protected by a large Colonial Revival hood on jigsawn consoles. There is a sunburst design above the recent two-paneled door. Windows are fitted with old 6-over-6 sash; those on the second floor are located high under the eaves. There are plain corner boards, wide clapboards, and hewn overhangs at the second floor and across the gable ends. The molded cornice shows a partial return; the large central chimney has been recently rebuilt. The right elevation has a rear wing with a side entry. The extension has no visible old fabric. The left elevation has a small rear porch with an added side entry.</p>						
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER					
	<p>19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE</p> <p>Although much of its exterior fabric is of later origin, the Elisha Savage House is significant as an example of the 18th-century central chimney house. An adaptation of traditional English building methods to a land rich in wood and stone, these houses depended on the amount of heat that could be stored in their massive stone and brick chimneys to ward off the cold of New England winters. Typical 18th-century features present here include the hewn overhangs, the location of the second-floor windows under the eaves, and the ridge-parallel orientation. Less typical is the asymmetrical arrangement of the first and second-floor bays; though unusual, this three-over-five configuration appears to be an original feature.</p> <p>Elisha Savage was the early occupant and probably builder of (continued)</p>						
SOURCES	<p>1855 Atlas 1869 Atlas Bicentennial Papers</p>						
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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS							

Elisha Savage House

19. (continued):

this house. The land on which it stands was originally part of a 284-acre grant to John Savage from the town of Middletown in 1670. Elisha, John's great-grandson, was a farmer. He came to the area in the middle of the 18th century, and died in 1807 at the age of 79.